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**Office Action Summary**

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Examiner

John Ricci

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 October 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 28 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,6-10,21,27 and 29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2,4,5,11-20 and 22-26 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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Upon further consideration, the indicated allowability of some claims has been withdrawn.

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Claims 6, 21, & 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 6, there is no antecedent for the "elastomer".

Claim 21, no antecedent for the "anchor body".

Claim 27, no antecedent for the "attachment plate".

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The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

Claims 1, 3, 7, 8, 10, & 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Adams 5,657,955 (newly cited).

Adams shows a rubber device including a body portion (the entire structure to the left of crease 12 in figure 5), the body portion having a planar lower surface which may include adhesive (anchoring device) 7a; and a "wedge-like extension" (the entire structure to the right of crease 12) extending from the body portion. Although Adams does not disclose that this is a dampening device for an archery bow, it includes all structure claimed and could be used for this purpose with no structural change.

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Claims 1 & 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Adler Des. 134,108 (newly cited).

Adler shows a rubber device including a body having a lower planar surface, and a "wedge-like extension" extending from the body portion. Although Adler does not disclose that this is a dampening device for an archery bow, it includes all structure claimed and could be used for this purpose with no structural change.

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Claims 2, 4, 5, 11-20, & 22-26 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 28 is allowed.

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